

**\*\*Media Advisory\*\***

**Wilson: “Economic Recovery Plan Includes Critical Investments that will Provide Education Relief in Ironton.”**

***Rep. Wilson to celebrate education investment on Friday in Ironton***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Last week, U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson (OH-6) voted in favor of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which will provide significant relief for those hurt the worst by current economic conditions and save or create jobs to rebuild the economy. The legislation was signed by President Obama today.

This legislation will provide immediate relief to schools in Ironton who will see an increase in Title I and IDEA funds over two years to help low-income and students with disabilities. The plan also creates a state stabilization fund of more than \$1.8 billion for Ohio to save jobs by staving off layoffs and harmful cuts to education. States could also use these funds to create new jobs by repairing, renovating and modernizing schools and colleges, providing students with healthy, energy-efficient and state-of-the-art learning classrooms and campuses.

Economists and scientists across the political spectrum have told lawmakers that strategic investments in education will help Americans become stronger and more productive. By creating an economic stabilization fund to help states restore cuts in education funding and prevent deeper layoffs, this package will also help local and state school officials keep teachers in Ironton classrooms.

“Education funding is a key part of the compromise recovery package,” Wilson said. “It was reduced a bit in the compromise, but there are still millions of dollars in there to help create jobs and at the same time modernize our schools. What better investment is there, than investing in our children?”

**Rep. Wilson will celebrate the federal investment in change at the Ironton High School Construction Site on Friday, February 20, 2009.**

**WHO:** Congressman Charlie Wilson, Superintendent Dean Nance of Ironton City Schools

**WHAT:** School tour and media availability to discuss the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

**WHERE:** Ironton High School Construction Site  
1701 S. 7th St.  
Ironton, Ohio

**WHEN:** Friday, February 20, 2009; 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

**WHY:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will help Ohio's Students, Teachers, Workers and Families.